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Message from the President

My obsessive compulsive self has been extremely busy these last two months since I wrote my last message. Organizing details, integrating functions, balancing this with that, and simplifying processes.

The organization chairs are making progress on their job descriptions for the operations manual. I'm asking them to write down their procedures and time lines. I met with Heidi (empty bowls) and Sally (newsletter). I've had a running dialog with Mickael (enews). Vicki's (webmaster), Claire's (membership) and Cindra's (scholarship) job descriptions are in so future chairs and president understand what they do and when they do it. Now if I can only make myself do mine.

Talking about operations, the board has clarified that the Webmaster is a board position; and the Social Media chair is a show position. We decided to add a committee member to help the webmaster. This committee member will work to develop a Clayfolk Facebook presence. They will be posting on Facebook information such as sales, non-local workshops and events, and other similar announcements freeing up the newsletter and enews to focus on Clayfolk business.

The board selected new chairs and committee members to replace those who will have ended their terms this year. Marydee Bombick will be the new Library Chair and Melissa Perry her committee member, Clarla Lanyi will be a new committee member for Scholarship, Lisa Eldredge and Susan Paul-Williams will be the new Workshop Cochairs, and Amy Segovia will continue as the Jackson County Empty Bowls Chair.

We are also formalizing the way the minutes are handled. Per Robert's Rules of Order only things that are done, not things that are said will be in the minutes. The minutes will be distributed to the members for corrections before the next meeting. The corrected minutes will be sent to members prior to the meeting and approved in the meeting.

I can't believe I've pulled the board into my crazy obsessive compulsiveness. We decided to appoint an historian who creates and then maintains a timeline of the important decisions made by Clayfolk since its beginning. This will be placed on the web. This timeline would be given to each new board member and would be available at meetings to answer questions for our members. The historian would also create a one-page info sheet to go in the new member packet.

The board has delineated 3 bylaw changes to be voted on by the membership in December. For easy reference, they are presented in their own article elsewhere in this newsletter.

Last but not least, the Bylaws Committee, requested by the members and set up by the board, met and in a timely manner sent me their report to be included in this newsletter.

Time to send my message to Jane, my optimistic vice president, to edit. I hope it is positive and up beat enough. I would like it to be funnier but that is not to be. I would like to make more pots but that is not to be either. Drat that obsessive compulsiveness. Would every Clayfolk member make more pots to cover for me at the show?

Thank you, Carole Hayne, president

OPEN LETTER TO THE BOARD 6/8/15

First of all, we'd like to say how much we appreciate your hard work in helping to maintain our fantastic organization. The group has changed dramatically over the years. From 1997 to the present, the show's gross has gone from \$27,000 to over \$200,000, and our membership is approaching 200. The comradery and working together is most satisfying. It benefits both our group and the public.

We did meet and discuss the Clayfolk by-laws. However, we're not going to "delineate a new" by-law as Carole asked, for these reasons:

- 1. The way the by-laws are written may affect our potential legal status.
- 2. Our organization has grown so much since these by-laws were written, that we feel a lawyer who specializes in this field must be consulted before any changes are made.
- 3. Clayfolk Members need to know what the options are, with pros and cons clearly understood. Discussions and information should be transparent and openly communicated, so that members can help decide what best suits the group at this time:
- A. A non-profit corporation subject to taxes, or
- B. A tax-exempt organization

Also of interest regarding legal liability is whether Clayfolk should be doing 1099s and obtaining insurance for all events (including meetings and workshops). For 1099s, there may be potential for both individual board members and Clayfolk to be liable for penalties that are great enough, such that the organization's existence may be threatened. Including Show profits in your tax return may not satisfy Clayfolk's IRS obligations. On researching the topic and knowing that OPA does file 1099s, we're interested in the specific reason(s) why we don't have to.

We recommend in the strongest terms that Clayfolk get legal counsel regarding 1099s and changing by-laws. Since we are incorporated as a non-profit, we may be eligible for free legal counsel from the Nonprofit Legal Assistance Project. (Links to this and other pertinent sites are on the next page, along with some questions for an attorney.) If we do not qualify for free legal advice, we strongly urge the Board to pay an attorney. Sincerely,

Phil Fishwick Susan Paul Williams

Marylou Schnoes

Some questions for an attorney:

What structural options does our organization have and what are the pros and cons of each type? (E.g., because donations to us would be tax-deductible, what is required for Clayfolk to become tax exempt?)

- 1. What are the 1099 requirements of our current operation?
- 2. What are the requirements for non-profit corporations in Oregon?
- 3. As a non-profit corporation, are we required to have a budget?
- 4. Are audits required?

Links of interest:

Potential penalties for not filing 1099s are on pp. 17-18 in

http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/i1099gi.pdf

Organizations similar to Clayfolk (such as OPA, the Guild of Oregon Woodworkers, and the Southern Oregon Guild [of Artists and Artisans]) which are officially tax-exempt, are listed at <a href="http://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/pub78Search.do?indexOfFirstRow=250&exemptTypeCode=&isDescending=false&totalResults=2080&postDateTo=&ein1=&state=OR&dispatchMethod=searchCharities&postDateFrom=&country=US&city=&searchChoice=pub78&indexOfFirstRow=500&sortColumn=name&resultsPerPage=250&names=Oregon+Potters+Association&zipCode=&deductibility=all

Information on free legal help for Oregon non-profits can be found at

https://www.nonprofitoregon.org/helpline_resources/legal_assistance

EMPTY BOWLS

The Empty Bowls event in Jackson County was a great success. Earnings doubled from last year. Thank you to all our potters who were able to donate their wonderful bowls.

Amy Segovia Jackson Co. Empty Bowls chair

Letter from Zoe Alowan

Empty Bowls Supper surpassed our expectations as potters, restaurants, bakeries, businesses, supporters and a staff of volunteers displayed their compassion & generosity for those with food insecurity in the Rogue Valley. CLAY-FOLK played such a big part in this! The fundraiser brought in over \$11,000 and after expenses, Peace House netted \$10,500. This allowed them to continue funding Uncle Foods Diner and share \$5,000 (double the amount from last year!) with Ashland Food Bank, Food Angels and ACCESS. Here is a link to photos of the event http://peacehouse.net/.

I took some time this year to focus on identifying the Clayfolk donors of the pottery as people often want to know who the artist/ceramist is. I wasn't able to identify the bowl makers as easily, so please pardon me for not mentioning their names as well but know that there was such gratitude and appreciation for everyone's offering.

From the Empty Bowls Supper Team Enormous Thank you to: Amy Segovia, Penelope
Dews, J. Greiger, Jenny Harkins, Teri Nelson,
Nando Raynolds, The Linnemeyers, Peppi
Melick, Dan Minard, potters Huft, Weese, and
Raddatz, Irene Stephens, Chris Usher and all
those others whose signatures were not easily
read.

Thank you for how beautifully you have assisted us in keeping Empty Bowls Supper an ally of CLAYFOLK!

May all of Clayfolk's ceramic creativity and prosperity be BLESSED! Sincerely,

Zoe Alowan



Greetings Clayfolk Friends,

Wow what a summer thus far! I trust you are enjoying our beautiful State and all it has to offer with exciting outdoor endeavors and keeping your "Hands in the Clay" while staying cool! A gentle reminder: the 2015 Empty Bowls Project in Josephine County is set for Monday, October 12th at 229 NE Beacon Drive (Parkway Christian Center) from 6-8 p.m. We are grateful to those that have already donated Soup Bowls and Silent Auction items BUT are still in need of more pieces. Let's strive to make this a RECORD BREAKER in our generosity in helping feed our Community in need.

Donations can be dropped at the front desk of OPTIONS located at 1215 SW G Street or contact me for an arranged pickup. Feel free to bring your donations to the next General Meeting on Saturday July 18th 2015th. See you soon!

Heidi Griffiths

Josephine County Empty Bowls chair

The board has appointed the following organizational chairs, effective January 2016:

Library Committee: 2016 Marydee Bombick, Chair Melissa Perry, trainee (1 point)

Scholarship Committee: 2016 Clara Lanyi, trainee (1 point)

Workshop Co-Chairs: 2016 Lisa Eldredge, Co-chair Susan Paul-Williams, Co-chair

Jackson County Empty Bowls: 2016 Amy Segovia, Chair

DIRECTIONS TO THE GENERAL MEETING AT CASALEGGIOS' JULY 18 805 SOUTH 3rd ST., JACKSONVILLE

From Medford:

Take Highway 238 to Jacksonville.
238 becomes North 5th Street in Jacksonville.
Turn right from North 5th onto California Street.
Go 2 blocks west to South 3rd Street.
Turn left and go south on South 3rd to the intersection of South 3rd, Graham and Sterling Streets.

The driveway for 805 is on the left opposite this intersection and is marked with a large white sign post.

Follow the driveway uphill to the top to 805.

From Ashland:

Take Highway 99 north to South Stage Road. Turn left and follow South Stage Road to Jacksonville.

South Stage Road becomes California Street in Jacksonville.

Go west to South 3rd Street to South 3rd Street. Turn left on South 3rd and go south to the intersection of South 3rd, Graham and Sterling Streets.

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From the Applegate:

Take Highway 238 to Jacksonville; 238 becomes California Street in Jacksonville; Take California Street east to South 3rd Street; Turn right and go south on South 3rd to the intersection of South 3rd, Graham and Sterling Streets;

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Questions? Call Susan 541.899.2029

Bylaw Changes for December Ballot

VI. OFFICERS, Section 3: Term of office. The term of office for officers of this corporation and members of the Board of Directors shall be as follows: President-3 years; Vice-president-3 years; Showcase treasurer - 6 years; Organizational treasurer - 6 years; Secretary - 3 years; Members-at-Large - 1 year. Officers and Members-at-Large may be re-elected by the membership after their terms are finished. No person shall hold more than one office/chair at a time.

VII. TRADE SHOW

Clayfolk's Show Chair(s) and Show Committees shall put on an annual trade show for its eligible members, and invite the public. The Clayfolk's Show Chair(s) and Show Committees shall have authority to make all Clayfolk Show decisions and policies.

VIII. INDEMNTY FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

This corporation will indemnify its officers and directors to the fullest extent allowed by Oregon Law.

The current VII bylaw will be changed to IX. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

CLAYFOLK 2015 SHOW PARTICIPANTS

Full Booth 2015 43 Booths

Ray Foster 795 Phil Fishwick 625 Penelope Dews 339 Rudy & Lynita Zajack 310 Debbie Raddatz-Thompson 264 Jim Keith 231 Barbara Linnemeyer 222 Cheryl Kempner 215 Cris Usher 205 Peppi Melick 195 Dan Minard 191 Art Linnemeyer 188 Shirley Huft 182 Susan Roden 171 Irene Stephens 170 Roxanne Hunnicutt

& Ross Jesswein 168
Carole Hayne 155
Kazuko Young 153
Carole Paquin 151
Lorene Senesac 130
MaryDee Bombick 125
Julia Janeway 114
Jon King 110
Jerry Huff 98

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Jerry Huft 98
Donna Marie 96
Nando Raynolds 95
Gwen Childs 92
Linda Smiley 89
Nina Fernstrom Duong 87

John Dodero 81 Cheryle Weese 74 Tracie Manso 74 Chris Borg 74

Bill & Claire Delffs 72 Nancy Adams 66 Amy Segovia 50 Robert Johnson 50 Bill Francis 49 Tea Duong 48 Peter Meyers 45 Ken Standhardt 42 Nancy D. Stewart &

Kris Schumacher 38 Steven Provence 34

Half Booths 2015 15 Booths

Bonnie Morgan 732
Jenny Harkins 311
Don Clarke 160
Teri Nelson 113
Marylou Schnoes 75
Janise Pratt 69
Nancy Leever 51
Karen Rycheck 49
Jan Lacey 43
Pat Richey 41
Stephanie Friedman 33
Jane Anderson 32 WFB
Dave Winget 28 WFB
Frank Gosar 27 WFB
Faith Rahill 27 WFB

Group Booth 2015 12 Booths

Debora Mahannah 194
Dennis Meiners 150
Rebecca Gold 117
Sally Pursell 64
Cindra Vargas 56
Russ Richmond 28
Glenn Burris 27 WFB
Peter Alsen 27 WHB
Wayne Lambert 25 WFB
Patt Causey 25 WFB
Susan Paul Williams WFB
Gail Pendergrass 24 WHB

Legend

WFB = Waiting for Full Booth WHB = Waiting for Half Booth WGB = Waiting for Group Booth

Wait List 2015

Linda Williams 20 WFB
Debra & Larry Nelson 18 WFB
Linda Heisserman 18 WHB
Sandy Segna 18 WGB
Ted Ernst 18 WGB
Michael Fromme 17 WFB
Louis Gizyn 17 WGB
Alexis Campbell-Jansky 16 WGB
Annie Heron 15 WFB
David Parry 15 WFB
Rhoda Fleischman 15 WHB

Marilyn Perry 15 WHB
Tim Yoshida 12 WHB
Summer Brendlinger 12 WGB
Clara Lanyi 11 WGB
Kami Carlson 8 WHB
Lisa Eldredge 7 WHB
Sandra Brown 6 WFB
Nolan Blansit 6 WFB
Denise David 6 WGB\
Amanda Higgins 3 WGB
Jane Street 3 WGB
Jean Ochsner 3 WGB

2015 Clayfolk Show Committees

Show Chair Shirley Huft 541-476-0593

<u>Promotions – Co-Chairs</u> <u>Nancy Leever</u> - 541-840-9343 <u>Bob Johnson</u> – 541-672-5301

1. John Dodero

2. Bonnie Morgan

3. Jane Anderson

4. Sally Pursell

TV Radio

Donna Marie - Chair

541-482-2818

Trainee - Susan Paul-Williams

541-244-1334

Advertising

Phil Fishwick - Chair

541-773-4178

Mailing

Karen Rycheck - Chair

541-621-6239

Emailing List

Patricia Richey - Chair

541-956-1528

Sunday Door Prize

Cheryl Weese - Chair

541-430-6780

trainee - Nancy D.Stewart

541-846-0704

Workshift

Jenny Harkins - Chair

541-855-1230

Storage

Debbie Radditz-Thompson &

Bill Thompson - Chairs

541-826-5533

Photo Montage

Don Clarke - Chair

541-683-6330

<u>Signs</u>

Steven Provence - Chair

541-771-3073

Group Booth

Marylou Schnoes - Chair

541-890-6163

1. Dennis Meiners

2. Jan Lacy

3. Linda Smiley

4. Nancy Adams

Refreshments

Ken Standhardt - Chair

541-514-4646

1. Cheryl Kempner

2. Stephanie Friedman

3. Kris Schumacher

Demonstrations

Alissa Clark - Chair

503-957-5222

Trainee - Chris Borg

541-726-4819

1. Jon King

2. Frank Gosar

<u>Music</u>

Art Linnemeyer - Chair

541-592-2406

1. Barbara Linnemeyer

Cash / Check

Teri Nelson - Chair

541-660-6645

1. Susan Roden

2. Gwen Childs

Visa - Co-Chairs

Nina Fernstrom-Duong

Tea Duong

541-510-2334

Building

Jerry Huft - Chair

541-415-1971

1. Nando Ravnolds

2. Glenn Burris

3. Irene Stephens

Show Map

Cris Usher - Chair

541-846-6043

Sales

Cindra Vargas - Chair

541-499-0799

1. Dan Minard

2. Peter Meyers

3. MaryDee Bombick

4. Kazuko Young

5. Faith Rahill

6. Tracy Manso

Bookkeeping - Co-Chairs

Ray Foster - 541-899-1244

Penelope Dews 541-535-1128

1. Lynita Zajack

2. Russ Richmond

3. Carole Hayne

Price Tag

Linda Williams- Chair

541-232-5357

Childrens' Area

Claire & Bill Delffs - Chairs

541-688-7405

1. Peppi Melik

2. Janise Pratt

3. Julia Janeway

4. Amy Segovia

5. Roxanne Hunnicutt

6. David Winget

7. Pat Causey

<u>WebMaster - social media</u> **Vicki Chamberlain - Chair**

541-531-8515

Show Secretary

Peter Alsen - Chair

541-366-1495

Extra Workshifts in Lieu of

Committee Work

1. Iim Keith

2. Debora Mahannah

3. Lorene Senesac

4. Bill Francis

5. Rebecca Gold

6. Wayne Lambert

7. Gail Pendergrass

A big Hello to all the 2015 Clayfolk Show applicants,

This has been a banner year with over 95 members applying for the Show. Currently, we have 23 people on the wait list, but please do not become discouraged. A good number of people drop before the Show opens in November. I will re-post any and all updates to the participant list on the Clayfolk.org website as soon as they occur. There were quite a few applicants who had the same exact number of points. To be fair, participants and people on the wait list were ordered according to the postmark date on their applications. At the same time, thanks to the hard work of our Group Booth Chair, Marylou Schnoes, with Clayfolk Board approval, we increased the number of group booth spots to 12. This will result in new metal booths, although, the new shelving size would be 36" wide instead of 48" (portable 48" shelving could not be found).

Within the next couple of weeks, electrical and fire safety requirements will, also, be posted on the "Members Only" page on our website. Please keep the password handy as you will need it to access updated Show information. Because the Clayfolk Newsletter is posted openly on our website, contact me,

Carole Hayne or Vicki Chamberlain if you have lost the password.

I have done my very best to place you on the committee of your choice. If something happens where you cannot complete your committee requirements, please contact me as soon as possible at pigpenpots@aol.com. Some of our committees will need trainees next year. Most members apply for a chair position after serving on a committee for a year or two. If you think you'd like to be a committee chair, please contact me, and then request to be a trainee on the following year's application. For more information on what a position entails, talk to the current committee chair and please don't hesitate to contact me as well.

You can earn an extra point if you are in the Show by signing up for an additional work shift. If you are not in the Show, remember that you can earn an extra point or two by volunteering for work shifts.

I'm very excited about the 2015 Show and hope you are all making LOTS OF POTS! Stay cool and hope to see you at the July 18th General meeting at the Casaleggio's home.

Shirley Huft Clayfolk Show Chair

Ellice T. Johnston Scholarship for the Ceramic Arts

Congratulations to all of our impressive applicants for the 2015 *Ellice T. Johnston Scholarship* for the Ceramic Arts. And the winner this year is: **Thomas Love.** Excerpts from the artist's statement: "Literally taking the earth in its rawest form, then manipulating it into something so articulate and aesthetically pleasing is nothing short of metaphysical. The majority of my work is wheel thrown and then altered in some way to bring out its natural beauty and organic forms. I greatly enjoy the process of working with raku and wood fired kilns for their earthiness and unpredictably unique finishes. (I have) obtained my AA-T degree in Studio Arts (at Shasta Community College) with an emphasis in ceramics and will be preparing to transfer into SJSU fall of 2015. If I am to receive the Ellice T. Johnson Scholarship for Ceramic Arts, I will use the funds to continue my pursuits of higher education in ceramic arts as a BFA student at the California State University of San Jose."



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Up-Coming Events

July 18th General Meeting 2:30 Saturday at CASALEGGIOS'

August No Meeting

September 15 Newsletter sent out

October 8th Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Thursday Abbey's Pizza – Rogue River

October 18th Chair Meeting 1:30 Sunday (Prior to General Meeting)

GENERAL MEETING 2:30 Grants Pass Museum of Art (Booth Selection)

CLAYFOLK SHOW & SALE - November 20, 21, 22